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REQUEST FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS.

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1. FINAL DRAFTS OF THE SPANISH REQUESTS (CONVOCATORIAS) FOR S AND T PROPOSALS WERE GIVEN TO SCIATT ON FEBRUARY 18 FOR INFORMAL REVIEW AND COMMENT. ALTHOUGH WE ARE MINDFUL OF DEPARTMENT'S EARLIER GUIDANCE (STATE 3708) THAT PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS IS INTERNAL SPANISH MATTER, WE HAVE NO WISH TO SEE SPANISH PROCEED ON COURSE LIKELY TO PRODUCE UNACCEPTABLE PROPOSALS AND U.S.-SPANISH CONFRONTATION. THEREFORE, WE AGREED TO SPANISH REQUEST FOR REVIEW.

2. SCIATT FOUND DRAFT CONVOCATORIAS SERIOUSLY DEFECTIVE. IN PARTICULAR, PROPOSALS WERE SOLICITED ON TWO CLASSES OF GRANT (TRAVEL AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS) NOT AGREED TO BY U.S. SIDE, AND SPANISH WISHED TO SUGGEST EXCLUSION OF SUCH ITEMS AS INDIRECT COSTS AND REGULAR STAFF SALARIES FOR U.S. COOPERATING AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS.

3. SCIATT RETURNED A MARKED-UP COPY OF DRAFTS ON FEBRUARY 22. AT A MEETING ON FEBRUARY 24, ATTENDED BY
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SCIATT, SR. PASTOR (DEPUTY OF THE SPANISH CO-CHAIRMAN), AND SR. BENAVIDES (SPANISH SECRETARY OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION), SPANISH ACCEPTED ALL PROPOSED CHANGES AND AGREED TO ELIMINATE THE TWO UNAPPROVED CLASSES AT THIS TIME. THEY INDICATED THAT THEY WILL PROPOSE THE INCLUSION OF THESE TWO CLASSES OF GRANT AT THE NEXT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT CONVOCATORIAS ARE NOW ADEQUATE FOR THEIR PURPOSE, ALTHOUGH SOME LAST-MINUTE PROJECT AND PROGRAM REWRITING WILL PROBABLY BE NECESSARY BEFORE THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING.

5. THE REVISED TEXTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL STATE BULLETIN THIS WEEK AND WILL BE POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT. (OES) DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROJECTS IS NOW MARCH 31, WITH A SECOND DEADLINE OF JUNE 30. SPANISH PLAN TO RECOMMEND TO JOINT COMMITTEE ALL HIGHLY MERITORIOUS PROPOSALS RECEIVED BY FIRST DEADLINE. ANY FUNDS UNALLOCATED AFTER THE NEW JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR PROPOSALS RECEIVED BEFORE THE JUNE DEADLINE. STABLER

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